


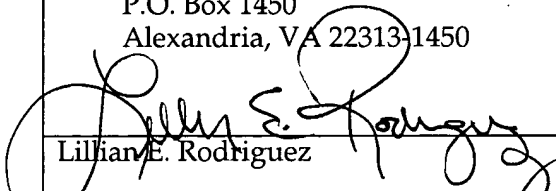
REMARKS

Claims 1-13 and 19-22 were examined. Claims 1-3, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13 and 19-21 were rejected. Claim 4 was allowed, and claims 5, 6, 8, 11 and 22 were determined to be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of their base claims and any intervening claims. In response to the above-identified Final Office Action, Applicants cancel the rejected claims without prejudice and amend claims 5, 6, 8, 11 and 22 to include the limitations of their base claims. Consequently, it is believed that all claims now pending, namely claims 4-6, 8, 11 and 22, patentably define the subject invention over the prior art of record, and are in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be useful in moving the application forward to allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

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